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February 28, 2019

Mr. Caren Carl Mandoyan  
Sheriff's Department  
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Los Angeles, California 90012

[Hand Delivered Via Messenger and Acknowledgement of Receipt]

**Re: Your Reinstatement by Sheriff Villanueva**

Dear Mr. Mandoyan:

Your September 14, 2016 discharge from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (the "Department") was made final by the Civil Service Commission on May 23, 2018. Notwithstanding this final Order, it is my understanding that you entered into an agreement with the Department whereby the Department purported to reinstate you to your former position of Deputy Sheriff in exchange for the dismissal by you of two civil actions filed by you, Writ of Mandate Case No. BS 174714 and Civil Action Case No. BC 719337. It is my understanding that the agreement was signed by the Chief of the Central Patrol Division and authorized by Sheriff Villanueva.

This letter is to notify you that under the Los Angeles County Charter and other laws, Sheriff Villanueva was without authority to settle your cases on behalf of the County. The County Charter and other authorities vest the County Counsel and the Board of Supervisors with sole and exclusive authority over civil actions and proceedings involving or concerning the County or a County officer. For that reason, your agreement with the Department is void.

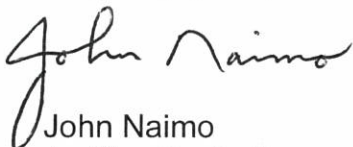
Nor did Sheriff Villanueva have authority to reinstate you. The County Charter and the Los Angeles County Civil Service Rules require that all classified positions be filled from the current eligible civil service list. In addition, reinstatement after separation requires approval by the Director of Personnel. You were not on the current eligible civil service list and your reinstatement was not approved by the Director of Personnel. As such, your reinstatement was unlawful.

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In light of the above, your discharge from the Department, made final by the Civil Service Commission's May 23, 2018 Order, remains in full force and effect. Please be advised that you are no longer a County employee. All salary and other payments to you, including benefits, were stopped effective February 22, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. Sheriff Villanueva was informed of this fact on February 20, 2019, but it is my understanding that he declined to communicate this message to you. You are instructed to immediately turn in any and all County property, including your weapon and badge. You are not authorized to serve as a Department employee.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact my office and I would be happy to discuss further.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Naimo". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

John Naimo  
Auditor-Controller

c: Board of Supervisors  
Alex Villanueva, Sheriff  
Sachi A. Hamai, Chief Executive Officer  
Mary Wickham, County Counsel